

LOUISVILLE JOURNAL

When Mr. Donald McPherson first consented to the use of his name as a candidate for Collector of Railroad Taxes in the Western District, we expressed ourselves very decidedly and warmly in favor of his election. We spoke the more feelingly upon the subject for the reason that he had been connected with the Journal office for many years, and we were fully aware that the possession of such qualifications for the place, and that he would faithfully and conscientiously discharge the duties of the office. He was elected by the people by a very handsome majority, and has, in all respects, redeemed the promise which we made for him. No collector of taxes has ever shown more devotion to the interests of the city than the higher regard for the claims of taxpayers than Mr. McPherson. He is now a candidate for re-election, and the citizens of his district could not do better than to retain him in a position of duties which he has so well qualified to discharge.

DAY OF Fasting AND PRAYER.—We publish this morning the proclamation of President Lincoln, designating Thursday, the 30th inst., as a day of fasting, humiliation, and prayer. We hope the whole community will unite in the solemn observance, and bend their knees to the throne of Almighty God, imploring him to avert our national calamities, restore peace to our land, re-establish the ties of fraternal affection, and reclaim the fires of devotion upon the altars of patriotism.

THE YAZOO RIVER.—As interest now centers on this river, in connection with the operations against Vicksburg, and the flight of gunboats has crossed the swamps and bays above that city, penetrating to Deer Creek, which is a crooked stream or bayou leading from the Mississippi swamps near Tredegar and Napoleon to the Yazoo river, not far above Vicksburg, it is necessary for a thorough understanding of these various expeditions to know the general character of the country. The New York Journal of Commerce says the Mississippi, from Ohio to the Gulf, runs through a succession of vast swamps and low lands, the current of the river everywhere slopes away from the bank of the Mississippi for many miles. From Ohio to Helena the river runs near the eastern edge of the swamps, which extend from twenty to thirty miles away west of the river. Near Helena the river traverses the line of swamps, and thence to Vicksburg it runs nearer the western side, and they again stretch out to the eastward. The Yazoo river runs through the eastern part of these swamps. Formerly the Mississippi, at high water, discharged some of its surplus floods into the swamps opposite Helena, and this discharge ran through the Yazoo Pass into the Coldwater, down to the Tallahatchie, then into the Yazoo, and thence back into the Mississippi just above Vicksburg. The land thus traversing, by crooked and bendy routes, was more than four hundred miles distant from the main stream. A levee was built forbidding this flow of water into the Yazoo Pass and Moon Lake, and the growth of trees closed over the old pass. Through this the Yazoo Pass expedition has forced its advance way. Below this point there are no similar diverting of the current of the river at various points. The whole country between the Mississippi and the line of the Coldwater, Tallahatchie, and Yazoo is known as the Yazoo Bottom. It includes, according to the admirable report of Capt. Humphreys and Lieut. Abbott, 13,933 square miles of land. Of this 6,800 are bottom lands liable to be submerged, 6,740 are lands draining into the bottom, and 310 are ridges of high land. The entire Yazoo Bottom is about 200 miles in length from north to south, and less than 50 in breadth at the widest point, near Greenwood. But the rivers which inclose it, the Mississippi on the west, and the Yazoo and tributaries on the east, travel vastly more than 200 miles between the points of their junction. The current of the river is, therefore, ten miles below Helena, and thence on to Vicksburg. By the Coldwater, Tallahatchie, and Yazoo, it is 500 miles from Horn Lake to Vicksburg, and from the Yazoo Pass about 60 miles less. The Yazoo is all ways navigable for steamers up to Greenwood, which is 240 miles from the mouth.

One ridge of high land runs north and south through part of the Yazoo Bottom. It extends only from Moon Lake to a point twenty miles below Greenwood. The village of McNatt is on this ridge. Below and west of this ridge the swamps sometimes change into lakes, and streams like Steele's Bayou, Bogue Pelaya, Sunflower River, Lesauque, or Deer Creek, and a dozen others wind tortuous and sluggish courses through the desolation. When, as now, the Mississippi is high, boats drawing but a few feet of water may find their way in all directions through the swamps, where the trees will allow; and taking advantage of this fact, a second expedition has suddenly penetrated the morasses and emerged in the Yazoo River not many miles above Vicksburg. But we are informed that this expedition, instead of directing its attention to Helena's Bluff, the fortifications of Vicksburg on the Yazoo, has gone north toward Yazoo City, by which means to co-operate with the Yazoo Pass expedition in reducing to Union possession the whole line of the Yazoo River. As we have already remarked that the Yazoo River runs on the east side of the swamps, it will be seen that the possession of the river would give us an opening to place on the high lands of Mississippi, forces which can march down to the Blackwater and cut off the eastern railway communications of Vicksburg.

The great American war opens constantly new ideas in regard to military operations. This penetrating of vast swamps, with iron-clad gunboats, long transports, and light troops, is something novel and astonishing. There is a boldness about it which is startling. The American soldier, lying on the Mississippi in his boats, sees the current flowing between the high levees, and looks over the embankment into the dark oppress swamps which stretch away unexplored to other rivers in the interior. He sees the bank, following the flood, breads his boat for the rushing current, is off on a new tack into the morasses of the Mississippi, and, pushing on through swamp and bayou and lake and creek, emerges on the Yazoo in full panoply of war.

AMERICANS ABROAD.—The following are the names of Americans registered at Gun & Co.'s American News, 19 Craven Street, London, during the fortnight ending the 14th of March, 1893: Lyman Olmstead, New York; E. S. Monroe, do; G. A. Townsend, Philadelphia; S. T. Lemmon, Richmond, Va.; C. B. St. John, New York; G. C. Beech, do; T. Rawlings, do; W. J. Emerson, San Francisco; A. M. Bailey, New York; H. Billings, Boston; E. A. Vernon, Virginia; John J. White, Newton, Mass.; James E. Wilson, Buffalo, N. Y.; G. Taylor and Lady, Connecticut; J. Thayer, Mass.; S. Martin, New York; John J. Howell, Philadelphia; J. P. Brown, do; L. Fletcher, California; F. Woodward, do; W. P. Page, New York; D. B. Page, do; Geo. Parsons, Wilmington.

Governor Morton has secured the payment of ninety thousand dollars due to the State of Indiana for ammunition and other advances to the General Government, which will enable him to carry on the State Government despite the refusal of the Legislature to make any appropriations.

THE GREAT AMERICAN REMEDIES

HELMHOLD'S
Genuine Preparations.

HELMHOLD'S KATRACT-BUCHU.
HELMHOLD'S EXTRACT SAPARILLA.
HELMHOLD'S IMPROVED ROSE WASH.

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HEMP AND FLAX BRAKE.

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PORT OF LOUISVILLE.

ARRIVALS YESTERDAY

Buell, Cin.	Big Grey Eagle, Hend.
Ice House, Cin.	Glendale, Cin
ou, Ky. River.	

DEPARTURES YESTERDAY.

Buell, Cin	Big Grey Eagle, Hend.
Deann, Memphis.	Glendale, Memphis.
on, Ky. River.	

large laden with pig iron was sunk at the landing yesterday.

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NEW YORK, April 3, P. M.
 Corn dull and heavy $\$6\ 10/16$ lower, at $\$6\ 00/37\ 1/2$ for
 No. 2, 8 $\ 1/2$ bid and $\$7\ 30/37\ 1/2$ for extra round-top
 closing quiet.
 Riskey heavy and drooping at $\$6\ 47/8$.
 Corn dull and drooping. Corn dull and ic lower,
 at $\$22$ for sound and $\$23\ 00/26$ for unsound. Oats in
 liquid at $\$25\ 50/56$.
 Sugar steady at $11\ 1/4@12$ for No. 1
 and $10\ 1/2@11\ 1/2$ for Muscovado.
 Pork dull and heavy. Beef dull. Bacon sides dull,
 heavy and lower, at $10\ 1/2@11\ 1/2$ sc, closing at $11\ 1/4$
 for $12\ 00/26$ for Ohio and $20@26$ for State. Cheese
 at $13\ 1/4@14$.
 Sterling exchange very steady at 6 per cent.

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do	(In 1/2-lb. made)	20	50
ds (Western)	Extra fine, bright	70	10
do	fine	50	10
do	Med. fine	40	10
do	Common	45	50
(Virginia)	Extra fine, bright	10	12
do	Fine	50	10
do	Medium	40	10
Pounds—			
Do	Brand "Lemoine's Anchor"	63	70
Do	do "L. Anderson"	50	80
Do	do "W. Anderson"	50	80
Do	do "Sailor's Delight"	50	60
Do	Other Brands	50	60
POUNDS—For month to 27th March, 1883—Pounds			
77 packages, 1,657	For previous month in 1883—		
424, 374, 189, packages			
ALEX'R MARTNELL			

The sale of leaf tobacco, to-day, at Rodmann's
 house were 25 bids and 40 bids, as follows:—
 10 boxes of Virginia 12; 17 bids leaf at \$14.90/18 10;
 10 bids at \$10.00/13 25; 17 bids Virginia, viz: 6 bids
 at \$11.00/14, 11 bids leaf at \$15.00/25, 3 bids old Ken-
 ya at \$17.50/20 bid, 6 bids Illinois leaf and large
 at \$16.10; 10 bids Kentucky leaf at \$16.00/20;
 30 boxes Ohio seed leaf wrappers and fillers at
 \$21.6. Receipts heavy.—Com.

BANK NOTE LIST.
 BANKABLE FUNDS.
 Treasury Notes and Ohio.

1000	1482	at prem
1000	1484	at prem
1000	1482	cent dis
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1000	1482	cent dis

Ibala	50	cent dis.
Eastern	3	cent dis.
Victoria	1	cent dis.
Sylvania	1	cent dis.
Itteburg	1	cent dis.
ulterior	1	cent dis.
York	1	cent dis.
England	20	cent dis.
Siama	20	cent dis.
land	10 3	cent dis.
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Planters	1/22 dis.	
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Rock Banks.....	179620	cent di
Carolina.....	27830	cent di
A.....	27830	cent di
id.....	27830	cent di
id.....	2	cent di
id.....	40	cent di
id.....	2	cent di

STEAMBOATS

Evansville & Evansville U.S. Mailboat
leave daily (Sundays excepted) at 6 o'clock P. M.
Owensboro, Evansville, Henderson, and
All Intermediate Landings.
The Splendid Passenger
Steamers

GREY EAGLE.....Capt. J. H. BOND
 Leaves Tuesdays and Fridays at 5 o'clock P. M.
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 Leaves Wednesdays and Saturdays at 5 o'clock P. M.
 Office.—All freights and Passengers must be at the
 wharf before 5 P. M., as the boats will not
 delay after that time under any circumstances.
 Bills of Lading, Packages, &c., must be

Liver, before 3 P. M.
 J. H. BUNCE, Smt.
 CULAR PACKET—U.S. MAIL MORNING LINE
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 The magnificent passenger steamer
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